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SUBJECT: ARRESTS: ASSISTANCE TO ESCAPED U.S. PRISONERS

REF: (A) MEXICO 625, 1/12/78
(B) MEXICO 7215, 5/11/77

1. PLEASE INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NUMBER OF INSTANCES WHERE U.S. NATIONALS WHO ESCAPED FROM MEXICAN JAILS HAVE SOUGHT ASSISTANCE FROM POSTS IN MEXICO. INCLUDE INFORMATION, IF KNOWN, ON THE CRIMES FOR WHICH THE U.S. NATIONALS WERE ARRESTED IN MEXICO AND THE EXTENT OF OFFICIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTED.

2. IN THE MEANTIME, THE FOLLOWING INTERIM GUIDELINES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED WHEN A U.S. NATIONAL WHO ESCAPES FROM A MEXICAN JAIL SEEKS YOUR AID:

A. DETERMINE IF THE U.S. NATIONAL IS THE SUBJECT OF
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A CIRCULAR LOOKOUT NOTICE PREPARED BY CA/PPT/L; IF THERE IS SUCH A NOTICE IN YOUR FILES, NOTIFY PPT/L IMMEDIATELY AND REQUEST GUIDANCE FROM THAT OFFICE.

B. IF THE NATIONAL IS NOT THE SUBJECT OF A CIRCULAR NOTICE AND YOU HAVE NOT, REPEAT NOT, RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM GOM AUTHORITIES TO NOTIFY THEM IF THE U.S. NATIONAL

COMES TO THE POST, THEN THE NATIONAL CAN BE DOCUMENTED WITH A PASSPORT OR CARD OF IDENTITY. IF THE NATIONAL DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO RETURN TO THE U.S., HE/SHE MAY APPLY FOR A REPATRIATION LOAN. YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE U.S. NATIONAL, HOWEVER, THAT DOCUMENTATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE PERSON WILL EXIT MEXICO SUCCESSFULLY AND THE POST CAN NOT ASSIST THE PERSON TO EVADE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES AFTER LEAVING THE POST. YOU SHOULD NOT NOTIFY GOM AUTHORITIES OF THE DOCUMENTATION; IF, AT A LATER TIME, GOM AUTHORITIES INQUIRE, STATE TO THEM THE ACTIONS YOU TOOK.

C. IF GOM AUTHORITIES REQUEST YOU TO NOTIFY THEM IF A SPECIFIC ESCAPED U.S. NATIONAL SEEKS OFFICIAL ASSISTANCE, AND THE NATIONAL SUBSEQUENTLY ARRIVES AT THE POST, THE FOLLOWING ACTION IS RECOMMENDED:

- (1) TELL THE U.S. NATIONAL OF GOM REQUEST AND THAT YOU WILL HONOR THAT REQUEST IF THE NATIONAL SEEKS OFFICIAL ASSISTANCE.
- (2) IF THE NATIONAL THEN CHOOSES TO SEEK OFFICIAL ASSISTANCE, NOTIFY GOM OFFICIALS.
- (3) IF THE NATIONAL CHOOSES NOT TO SEEK OFFICIAL ASSISTANCE, ALLOW THE NATIONAL TO LEAVE THE POST AND CONFIDENTIAL

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DO NOT NOTIFY GOM OFFICIALS.

3. THERE MAY BE A SMALL LIKELIHOOD THAT A PERSON WILL SEEK A REPATRIATION LOAN IN THIS TYPE OF CASE. IN OTHER CASES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, PERSONS DID NOT SEEK FUNDS, PROBABLY BECAUSE, TO THEM, TIME WAS OF THE ESSENCE. IF SUCH A REQUEST IS MADE, HOWEVER, WE WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE AT THAT TIME. CHRISTOPHER

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